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### **DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SANITARY CONNECTING AND DRAINING DEVICE**, the specification of which (check one) /      / is attached hereto. /  X  / was filed on July 23, 2003 , as Application Serial No. PCT/EP03/08079 and was amended on                      (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application (s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

#### **Prior Foreign Application(s)**

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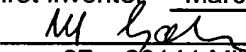
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And I hereby appoint Mary Ann G. Lemere, Registration No. 32,160, Kelly A. Merkel, Registration No. 43,800 and Elaine Brenner Robinson, Registration No. 29,517.

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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